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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

VEERASAMY VIJAYEN et al.

Application No.: 09/165,513

Filed: October 2, 1998

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING
RECORDING MEDIA HAVING
PROTECTIVE OVERCOATS OF
HIGHLY TETRAHEDRAL
AMORPHOUS CARBON

Examiner: RESAN, S.

Art Unit: 1773

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

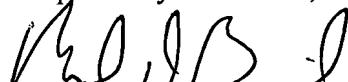
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed *September 15, 2000*,
Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute Group II (claims 38-46), without traverse.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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